

# Coyne Veterinary Center Adoption Application

Coyne Veterinary Center  
10969 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN



Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Breed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Male Female Age: \_\_\_\_\_

## Please Print Clearly:

### Applicant Information:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse/Other:  
First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Questionnaire:

People in Household:  
# of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first pet? (Circle) YES or NO \*If NO complete the following\*

Pets in Household:

Cat or Dog	Pet's Name	M of F	Fixed?	Current on Vaccines?	Age	Current Pet
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Vet Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_ May we call them?(Circle) YES or NO

### Housing:

Do you (circle) ... Rent / Own House / Condo / Apartment / Townhouse

Are Pets Allowed? Yes / No Is a Yard Available: Yes / No

Any Size Restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

If Renting please list Landlord's contact information below:

Name	Phone	Company (if applicable)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Hours a day pet will be left alone: \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the pet stay when left alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the pet be an Indoor or Outdoor pet: \_\_\_\_\_

If outdoor please list how long they will be left outside: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to take them indoors in extreme weather conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

If no explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
If you experience behavioral problems with your pet, what will you do? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Will you provide annual medical treatment / checkups for your pet? Yes / No

Are you prepared to start your new pet on heartworm prevention? Yes / No

Are you aware that additional vaccinations/deworming may be necessary besides what is covered by the adoption fee? Yes / No

Will you humanely care for this animal, comply with all laws, and provide adequate food, water, and shelter? Yes / No

In adopting this animal, you are accepting a commitment for the rest of this pet's lifetime. You are accepting this animal at your own risk, and from this date forward, any damages to persons or property and any/all financial obligations incurred through ownership of this animal are your responsibility.

I agree never to sell, give away, trade, relinquish or dispose of this animal. If at any time I cannot or do not want to keep the animal, I will return it to Coyne Veterinary Center at my expense without a refund within 14 days of adoption.

In signing this agreement, I am certifying that this adoption questionnaire has been answered honestly to the best of my knowledge and I agree that Coyne Veterinary Center has the right to repossess such animal without a refund if not satisfied with the condition of the animal, its surroundings, if false or misleading statements were made on this adoption application or it is discovered that animal neglect/cruelty/abandonment has been charged at any time against myself or my immediate family.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Signer: \_\_\_\_\_



Congratulations on the adoption of your new pet! Please read through the terms and conditions of our adoption agreement. Initial all that apply and sign below.

\_\_\_\_\_ For **Puppies/Kittens Under 6 Months of age**- The adoption fee includes the 1st Distemper vaccine, 1st Influenza Bivalent, 1st Bordetella, Intestinal parasite exam, Deworming, Microchip and Spay/Neuter. For kittens a Feline leukemia and FIV test is also included. All other vaccinations are the responsibility of the adopter.

\_\_\_\_\_ For **Adult Dogs/Cats**- The fee includes the following: Distemper, Bordetella, Influenza Bivalent, Intestinal parasite exam, Deworming, Microchip, Spay/Neuter, Heartworm test, feline Leukemia/FIV test. All other vaccinations, procedures and medications are the responsibility of the Adopter. **Rabies tag fee not included.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Any Health problems that occur within 7 days will be the responsibility of Coyne Vet Center. **After 7 days, any health concerns will be the adopter's responsibility**

\_\_\_\_\_ The **Spay/Neuter must be done by 6 months of age**. If it is not completed in the allotted time, any fees associated with the spay/neuter will be the responsibility of the adopter. **Pets over 6 months** of age at the time of adoption must be spayed/neutered before leaving the hospital.

\_\_\_\_\_ Coyne Veterinary Center cannot guarantee the weight, breed/size and or temperament of adopted pets. Therefore are not liable for any injury or damage of property.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Heartworm prevention is required** at the time of adoption:

Canine: 6 months of proheart/interceptor

Feline: 3 months of revolution

\_\_\_\_\_ Coyne Vet Center strives to place adoptable pets into the most loving homes possible. Therefore, to insure that these pets will receive the appropriate amount of attention and medical care, the following criteria must be met by the adoptive homes: Proof must be shown that all pets within the household are current on all recommended vaccinations, annual exams, heartworm testing, and have been spayed/neutered prior to adoption.

**Signature of applicant:**

## DOGS

### Children in households

While most children are most vulnerable and likely to be bitten by a dog, only parents are the ones to determine what risk, if any, a new dog in the household presents and accepts the responsibility what comes with that risk.

We do however, reserve the right to deny an adoption if we see inappropriate behavior occurring with our animals and your children while you meet the available animals. See the last paragraph for inappropriate behaviors.

Dogs bite for different reasons, not all of them are because they are vicious. Playfulness (usually puppies who are accustomed to biting their siblings as a part of play), grabbing at toys or food resulting in the catching of fingers/hand/arm and roughhousing where the teeth of a dog may make contact with a child while jumping around are common. Adults should know the difference between play, accidental, and vicious biting. If you don't, reconsider bringing a dog into your household.

#### *Is this dog good with children?*

We are frequently asked this question. Coyne Veterinary Center is not a rescue and do not spend enough time with these pets to definitively know everything about their behavior and temperament. We do temperament test our dogs with other adoptable dogs to help owners have a better idea of how they behave around others. However, we do not have the resources to test them with cats or children. Since most of our pets come with little or no prior history, we can only discuss generalizations related to the dog breed. We do NOT put the dogs with "test" children to see how they behave. We can't guarantee a dog will never bite; it's an animal and not completely predictable. However there are some steps we can take to make sure the dogs for adoption are suitable for a new home.

1. We do NOT offer for adoption any dog with a documented aggressive bite incident.
2. If a dog aggressively bites or tries to bite anyone in our care it will not be adopted out.
3. We will inform you if an adult dog is known to us to be fearful, skittish, dog aggressive or good aggressive and we would not recommend these dogs be placed with young children. These traits cannot be determined for puppies (dogs under 1 year old), they're too young and their future behaviors are largely in your hands as you train and socialize the puppy.

#### *Once you adopt, educate yourself and teach your children on the following:*

- Do not allow children to hug the dog or put their face anywhere near the dogs face:
  - This can be seen as a threat by the dog and even a well behaved passive dog with no prior inclination towards aggression could bite if it feels threatened.
  - Puppies can bite at child's mouth (face) if they smell food on their breath.
- NEVER bother a dog while it is eating or startle it when sleeping
- Do not allow your dog around young children with food.
- Do not chase, tease, taunt, hit, kick, or run away from a dog.
- Do not pet or grab at a dog without letting them see and sniff you first.
- Never leave babies or young children unattended with a dog.
- Do not play tug-o-war with a dog and his/her toy. Dogs do not understand the concept of where the toy ends and the hand begins.
- Screaming or uncontrolled behavior can scare a dog, putting children at risk.
- Playtime between dogs and young children must be supervised by an adult.

## **Introducing Dogs and Cats Together**

Some dogs do fine living with cats; others simply cannot live safely with felines. Sometimes, a dog can live with certain cats (depending on their age, temperament and activity level), but not others. Even if your dog has successfully lived with cats in the past, it is important to remember that each dog and each cat is an individual and therefore each introduction is different. Time is a key factor when introducing pets together!

*Is this dog good with cats? Is this cat good with dogs?*

We are frequently asked these questions as well. Coyne Veterinary Center is not a rescue and do not spend enough time with these pets to definitively know everything about their behavior and temperament. We do temperament test our dogs with other adoptable dogs to help owners have a better idea of how they behave. However, we do not test them with cats or children. We do not temperament test our cats with other cats or with children.

### **Body language of dogs and cats**

When introducing your dog to a cat, pay attention to the body language of both animals. If the cat's ears are pinned back or his tail is swishing back and forth, this is a good indicator that he is displeased. You particularly want to be aware of dog body language that could be potential warning signs. If your dog has a strong prey drive (the inclination to seek out, chase and potentially capture animals seen as prey — usually smaller animals such as cats or rabbits), she might become very focused on the cat. She'll stiffen, stare, and may start barking or whining. If you see these signs, do not let her near the cat. Ideally, her body language will be loose and relaxed around the cat. It's OK if she pays attention to the cat, but you don't want to see her fixated on him. In addition, a dog's interaction with a cat can change depending on the environment. Just because your dog is OK with the cat inside the house doesn't mean she'll exhibit that same behavior outdoors. She might fixate on the cat and start stalking him when they are outside together. So, be aware of her body language around the cat in each new situation, until you know how she is going to respond toward him.

### **Methods for introducing a dog and a cat**

There are many different ways to introduce a dog to a cat. If the first method of introduction you try doesn't work or you don't feel comfortable with it, try a different option. Even if the dog has had experience with cats and the cat has lived with a dog before, proceed cautiously during the introduction. It's best to have two people present — one to intervene with each animal, if necessary. If you have more than one dog, introduce each dog separately to the cat.

- Slow and steady
- On Leash introduction
- Face-to-face introduction
- Sniffing through doors or gates
- Seeking help from a professional

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Taking home a new pet is indeed one of life's delights. Once household discussions have established what pet everyone wants, you will now need to discuss questions such as, who will bathe Fido? Who's in charge of changing Sizzle's litter? Who will take Black Beauty to the vet? You also need to prepare your home to make it safe and comfortable for the new addition to your family. Here's how:

### **Pet-Proof Your Home**

You'll need to make your home safe before adopting, whether it's paying attention to hazardous ornaments during the holidays or tightly closing your trash cans. Pet-unfriendly plants, poisonous foods, and unsafe domestic substances should be kept out of reach. Ensure that the following items are kept far from your pet's reach: lawn care products & tools, cleaning solutions, toys with small pieces that can be swallowed, medications, sugar-free gum, and electronic cords.

### **Prepare Your New Pet's Personal Space**

You have to decide on and organize the zone or spot where your animal will stay the most. Why? Because it should be appropriate for the animal you're getting, and it should also be safe. Ask yourself, will your new cat or dog be restricted to one part of the house, or will he or she be allowed to roam freely? It's also important to set up your pet's stable, kennel, or basket **BEFORE** you bring him home.

### **Give Your Pet Lots of Toys**

If you're adopting a dog, give him lots of chew toys, so he won't be tempted to chew on other substances. Cats should likewise have balls of yarn and other toys to knock around. Keep in mind that pets explore their surroundings with their mouths, especially when they're young. It's your responsibility to confirm that anything that isn't supposed to be licked on or chewed is kept out of reach.

### **Prepare for an Adjustment Period**

Be prepared for crying if it's a puppy or a kitten you're bringing into your home. Baby dogs, and baby cats will cry (just as human babies) during the night as they adjust to their new home. But unlike human babies, it's a bad idea to bring them into your bed to soothe them. Instead, set up an enclosed, quiet space with a comfortable bed, or a kennel that can be closed to prevent wandering.

### **Stock up on Pet Supplies**

Collars, leashes, potty bags, ID tags, scratching posts, litter box and cat litter should all be purchased before you bring your new addition home. You should purchase the same type of

food the pet has been eating, even if it's poor quality. The stress of moving into a new home is enough for your pet to deal with, and he doesn't need the added anxiety of a new diet.

### Clean Your House from Top to Bottom

Take any valuable items and place them in closed storage containers that are out of reach. You will need to create a strategy to block spaces a small animal can get into, but you cannot, such as under beds or dressers. Decide on where you will keep pet supplies in order to avoid confusion. This is also a good time to decide where the pet will exercise (a must if you're getting a dog).

### Secure Door and Window Screens

If you're getting a cat, you'll need to ensure that your window and door screens have latches that a curious feline won't be able to open, and also that these screens are secure. You may even want to buy screening that is essentially cat-proof. You should also close the toilet, as your cat (or dog) may see it as a giant water bowl and try to get a drink.

### Decide Where Your Pet Will Stay During the Day

The best option is to have your pet stay with you. This is especially beneficial when your pet first joins your family. If you have the luxury of being able to bring your pet to work (leashed and crated, with regular potty breaks), go for it. Another option is doggy daycare, if you can afford it. There's also the option of leaving your dog at home (crated), or in an exercise pen.

Adoption is a big transition for both you and your new pet. Covering these fundamentals will aid your new pet in feeling secure in their environment and make it easier for you to bond with them.